

## SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Men's Section)

(Members of Bowls England & the Home Counties Bowls Association)

### Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Adur IBC at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026.

**Committee Members:** Mark Broadway (MB)(Chairman), Martin Graham-Hyde (MGH)(President), Geoff Fitch (GF)(Vice President), Peter Copper (PC)(I Past Pres)., Rod McBeth (RMc)(Hon. Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB)(Hon. Treasurer), David Page (DP)(Hon. Asst. Secretary), Kim Hudson (KH)( Hon. Comp. Sec.) and Mike Cross (MC)(Hon. Match Secretary) and Barry Hobbs (BH)(Hon. Safeguarding Officer). Plus 1 member from each of the Four Areas: Area 1 – Brian Henty (BH), Area. 2 – Stephen Gorringe (SG), Area. 3 – Graham Scutt (GS), Area. 4 – Paul Chuter (PC).

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were received from Brian Henty and Barry Hobbs.	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026</b>	
The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
<b>3. Matters Arising for the Previous Meetings</b>	
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
<b>4. Reports</b>	
Reports from officers had been circulated prior to the meeting and all were accepted.	
<b>5. Competition matters.</b>	
a) The number of players who had withdrawn from competitions or who had failed to arrive for the two wood day was considered at length and revised rules are to be drafted.	RMc
b) A complaint had been received that cards for the two wood day has been issued as blank cards with no names on them in one area. Additional information be included in thr JR for the Area Comp Secs.	RMc
c) It was agree that revised instructions are to be issued for all entrants to competition to remind them that they MUST notify the Competition Secretary - either prior to - or at the time of the event if a match is unable to be played or they are unable to attend for an event - for whatever reason and that they may be disqualified if they fail to do so.	
<b>6. Presidential match v Banks</b>	
a) RMc reported that this match had for years been played at Horsham, initially as a six rink Men's County match but gradually reduced to now being 4 rinks mixed Presidential match. At the request of Banks BA it has this year been moved to played at Purley Bury in Surrey who are charging a sum of £13 for both players - <u>and guests</u> . After discussion with the Women's Secretary RMc was proposing that he felt that a cost of £13 may possible be considered acceptable for players as it was a neutral venue, such a cost for guests was surely excessive.	
b) MC was tasked with writing to Banks BA indication that unless there was a lesser charge for guests we were not prepared to continue with this the match and it would be cancelled.	MC
<b>7. Hosting of County events 2027</b>	
After considerable discussion the allocation of clubs to host county events in 2027 was made – one being subject to confirmation of an acceptable price - see copy attached.	RMc MC
<b>8. Vice President 2027</b>	

Members were reminded that we currently have no considerations for Vice President 2027.

**NB: One person has subsequently indicated an interest.**

#### **9. Joint Constitution**

RMc reported that voting slips were still being received and the vast majority were in favour.

#### **10. Date for first Unified AGM**

RMc reported that a date for the first unified AGM would need to be agreed. The subject was considered and it was felt that a date somewhere between the two current dates set for the two AGM's would be ideal but that it might be possible to settle on the date currently set for the Women's AGM .

#### **11. Any Other Business**

- a) MGH reported that he had received a request to change the county Caps, RMc noted that we had over 150 in stock Motion rejected.
- b) LB noted that the mileage payment had been at 0.40p for some considerable time and that he felt we should increase 045p. Unanimously agree to increase mileage payment to 0.45p per mile – for travel AFTER 23 Jun 26 only.
- c) PC asked if the number of credit points a player held could be made available as he was receiving requests for such information It was agreed that RMc would arrange for them to be in the County Website

RMC

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

- a) The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2026 – at 10.00 hours – at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.10.

Signed:

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date:

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026